

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

January 14, 2008
Monday, 7 p.m.

Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Denis Law called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

MARCIE PALMER, Council President; RANDY CORMAN; GREG TAYLOR; TERRI BRIERE; KING PARKER; DON PERSSON.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; ALEX PIETSCH, Economic Development Administrator; SUZANNE DALE ESTEY, Economic Development Director; FIRE CHIEF/EMERGENCY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR I. DAVID DANIELS, DEPUTY CHIEF CHUCK DUFFY, DEPUTY CHIEF ROBERT VAN HORNE, DEPUTY CHIEF MARK PETERSON, and EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR DEBORAH NEEDHAM, Fire Department; CHIEF KEVIN MILOSEVICH and COMMANDER FLOYD ELDRIDGE, Police Department.

**SPECIAL
PRESENTATIONS**

Fire: Employee Recognitions
and Promotions

Fire Chief/Emergency Services Administrator Daniels announced the following employee recognitions and promotions:

2007 Members of the Year - Lieutenant Greg Hartman, Firefighter Chuck Hagood, and Administrative Secretary 1 Judy Hayward.

2007 Top Company - Lieutenant Henry Dykes, Firefighter Chris Sproat, and Firefighter Ken Peterson.

Employee Promotions - Firefighter Craig Soucy promoted to Lieutenant, Lieutenant Mike Proulx promoted to Captain, Captain John Lecoq promoted to Battalion Chief/Safety Officer, and Battalion Chief Mark Peterson promoted to Deputy Chief.

Each promoted employee was presented with a badge of the position by family members. Additionally, Chief Daniels honored 12-year-old Noah Robertson for performing the Heimlich maneuver on his choking 11-year-old brother and successfully clearing his airway.

School District: Renton, Levy
& Bond Election

Renton School District Superintendent Dr. Mary Alice Heuschel reported that citizens in the Renton School District will vote on a four-year Education Maintenance and Operations Replacement Levy, a Technology Levy, and a School Improvement Bond measure on 3/11/2008. She reviewed the planning timeline and considerations for the proposal, which received the school board's approval at its last meeting.

Dr. Heuschel reviewed the three measures, briefly highlighting what each measure pays for. She explained that renewal of the education levy, along with approval of the technology levy and the school improvement bond measure, will not raise tax rates. If passed, the total tax rate will remain at \$3.44 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. In conclusion, Dr. Heuschel encouraged citizens to vote on March 11.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer Covington highlighted two administrative items as follows:

- * The City will host a workshop on January 23 for those interested in learning more about applying for a 2008 Neighborhood Program Grant. Grant applications are due on 2/29/2008.
- * BNSF Railway Company's Rainier Ave. S. and Hardie Ave. S. railroad bridges construction project is progressing. Installation of the steel for the Rainier railroad bridge will cause lane closures, and current information about the closures can be found on the City's website.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: DeMastus -
Public Access Channel 77
Program

Sandel DeMastus (Renton) announced that an interview session with political activist Tim Eyman and Washington Policy Center Vice President of Research Paul Guppy regarding property taxes will occur at the public access cable channel 77 studio on January 26.

Citizen Comment: Johnson -
Hanging Flower Baskets, Post
Office Property Purchase

Arland "Buzz" Johnson (Renton) expressed his support for the hanging flower basket program. Additionally, he encouraged the City to obtain right of first refusal for the downtown post office property, suggesting that the property can be used for a parking lot.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Council Meeting Minutes of
1/7/2008

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 1/7/2008. Council concur.

CAG: 07-189, Burnett Linear
Park Phase II, Evergreen
Landscape & Construction

City Clerk reported bid opening on 11/30/2007 for CAG-07-189, Burnett Linear Park Phase II; ten bids; engineer's estimate \$212,660; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Evergreen Landscape & Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$228,363.30. Refer to Finance Committee for discussion of funding.

Plat: Cassidy Cove, NE 4th St,
FP-07-115

Development Services Division recommended approval, with condition, of the Cassidy Cove Final Plat; two lots on 68.05 acres located at 3009 NE 4th St. Council concur. (See page 14 for resolution.)

Plat: Barbee Mill, Lake WA
Blvd N, FP-07-109

Development Services Division recommended approval, with conditions, of the Barbee Mill Final Plat; 115 single-family lots on 22 acres located in the vicinity of Lake Washington Blvd. N. and N. 40th Pl. Council concur. (See page 14 for resolution.)

EDNSP: Downtown
Wayfinding System Advanced
Directional Signage, Sea
Reach

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department requested approval of a contract in the amount of \$67,545 with Sea Reach Ltd. to manufacture and assist with installation of the prioritized Downtown Wayfinding System advanced directional signage. Council concur.

Annexation: Red Mill, 128th
Ave SE & SE Petrovitsky Rd

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department submitted 10% Notice of Intent to annex petition for the proposed Red Mill Annexation and recommended a public meeting be set on 2/4/2008 to consider the petition; 224.3 acres located in the vicinity of 128th Ave. SE, SE Petrovitsky Rd., and SE 171st Way. Council concur.

Fire: King County Fire District
#40 Interlocal, Additional
Employees, 2008 Budget
Amend

Fire and Emergency Services Department requested approval of an agreement with King County Fire District #40 for fire and emergency services and joint operations of facilities. Approval was also sought to authorize an additional 31 full time employees to provide services under the contract and for a 2008 Budget amendment as a result of the contract. Refer to Committee of the Whole.

CAG: 06-069, Rainier Ave S,
Hardie Ave SW & SW 27th
St/Strander Blvd Funding,
Sound Transit

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an amendment to CAG-06-069, agreement with Sound Transit, to formalize revised commitments relative to the Rainier/Hardie Ave. Arterial Improvement Project and the Union Pacific Railroad Relocation Project. Council concur.

Vacation: Queen Ave NE,
Newfourth, VAC-07-003

Technical Services Division reported receipt of appraisal performed for the vacation of portion of Queen Ave. NE (formerly 128th Ave. SE), south of NE 4th St., and requested Council accept the appraisal and set compensation at \$7,000 for the right-of-way. (VAC-07-003; petitioner Newfourth, LLC) Council concur.

Utility: West Coast
Preliminary Plat, Quitclaim
Deed, Hoquiam Ave NE

Technical Services Division recommended acceptance of a quitclaim deed from The Kenny for additional Hoquiam Ave. NE right-of-way related to the West Coast Preliminary Plat (PP-04-149) due to an error in King County's records. Council concur.

MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Planning & Development
Committee

Planning: Development
Regulations (Title IV) Docket
Review

Planning and Development Committee Chair Parker presented a report regarding the City Code Title IV (Development Regulations) docket. The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to set a public hearing for 2/4/2008 on the following three items within the Title IV docket:

- 1) Housekeeping Amendments Group I
- 2) Animal Regulations
- 3) Center Downtown Code Amendments

The Title IV docket referral will remain in Committee for further consideration. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance Committee

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 267234 - 268245 and seven wire transfers totaling \$8,941,297.21; and approval of 258 Payroll Vouchers, two wire transfers, and 1,359 direct deposits totaling \$4,416,247.72. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**RESOLUTIONS AND
ORDINANCES**

Resolution #3925

Plat: Cassidy Cove, NE 4th St,
FP-07-115

A resolution was read approving the Cassidy Cove Final Plat; approximately 68.05 acres located in the vicinity of NE 4th St. and Monroe Ave. NE. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Resolution #3926

Plat: Barbee Mill, Lake WA
Blvd N, FP-07-109

A resolution was read approving the Barbee Mill Final Plat; approximately 22 acres located in the vicinity of Lake Washington Blvd. N., N. 40th Pl., Williams Ave. N., and N. 42nd Pl. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading and adoption:

Ordinance #5337

EDNSP: Hotel-Motel Fund
Transfer, 2008 Budget Amend

An ordinance was read amending the 2008 Budget by transferring \$80,000 from Fund 110 Hotel-Motel account's unallocated fund balance as authorized by the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee on 12/10/2007. These funds will be disbursed in part through the 2008 contracts with Hamilton/Saunderson for marketing services for \$219,000, and with Renton Chamber of Commerce for the Renton Visitor's Connection for \$129,000. **MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

School District: Renton, Levy
& Bond Election

Councilmember Parker asked that a public meeting be scheduled on the topic of the Renton School District's levy and bond election.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 7:49 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
January 14, 2008